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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1944.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health is required by an Order of the Ministry of Health which outlines the scope, intent and use of the Report in Circular No. 2067.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	929
Population (Registrar General) 1944)	3,617
Number of Inhabited Houses (1944)	1,469
Assessable value 1944	£33,208
Sum represented by 1d rate	£129:19:9

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>Live Births</u>	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	86)	37	37
Illegitimate		5	7

<u>Birth Rate</u>	1938	-	13.55	per 1,000 population
	1939	-	11.93	" " "
	1942	-	16.8	" " "
	1943	-	16.6	" " "
	1944	-	23.78	" " "

England & Wales	1939	-	15.00	" " "
	1942	-	15.8	" " "
	1943	-	16.5	" " "
	1944	-	17.6	" " "

Deaths Total 62. Males 25. Females 37.

<u>Death Rate</u>	1938	-	16.23	per 1,000 population
	1939	-	14.13	" " "
	1942	-	17.83	" " "
	1943	-	18.9	" " "
	1944	-	17.11	" " "

England & Wales	1938	-	11.6	" " "
	1939	-	12.1	" " "
	1942	-	11.6	" " "
	1943	-	12.1	" " "
	1944	-	11.6	" " "

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth -
 From Sepsis NIL
 From other causes NIL

Death of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births - 3
 Sheringham 34.8
 England 46.0

<u>Still Births</u>	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
	5	1	6

There were 11 deaths attributable to Cancer - 3 being male and 8 female.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officer to the Local Authority

D. B. C. Lawson, M.B., C.H.B. (Aberdeen), is part time Medical Officer of Health. Also Medical Officer of Health to the Erpingham Rural District Council and Medical Officer in charge of the Erpingham Rural, North Walsham Urban and Sheringham Urban Joint Isolation Hospital, and Medical Officer to the Poor Law Institution, West Beckham.

Mr. J. A. Thompson, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., was Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

2. Nursing in the Home

(a) General. There is no District Nursing Association. A Queen's District Nurse is provided by the Sheringham Social Service League.

(b) Infectious Diseases. Almost all cases are removed to Hospital.

3. Midwives

Two midwives practise in the area.

No midwife is supplied or subsidised by the Council.

4. Laboratory Facilities

Sputum, Swabs etc. are examined by the County Laboratory.

Water is analysed either by the County Analyst, or by the Clinical Research Association.

5. Hospitals

The District is served by -

1. The Cromer & District Hospital.
2. The Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
3. The Jenny Lind Hospital for Children.

The Norfolk & Norwich Hospital at Norwich has all the usual special departments, including dental, ophthalmic and massage. The Cromer & District Hospital has an X-ray apparatus.

6. Maternal Mortality

There is an arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health by which cases are investigated with the local Medical Officer in conjunction with the practitioner attending the case.

7. Institutional Provision for the care of Mental Defectives

This has been provided by the County Council.

8. Ambulance Facilities

For infectious cases -- Cromer U.D.C. Motor Ambulance.

For non-infectious cases. -- The Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Cromer have a Motor Ambulance which is used for the transport of Sheringham cases.

9. Clinics and Treatment Centres

A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre organised by the Norfolk County Council does exceedingly good work in this department. The centre is growing in size and popularity. As many as 40 mothers with their children have attended in one afternoon.

There is no Ante-natal Clinic, School Clinic, Orthopaedic Clinic or Treatment Centre for Venereal Diseases in the District.

There is a clinic for Tuberculosis Cases held by one of the County Tuberculosis Officers at specified times at Cromer Hospital.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The water of Sheringham is supplied by the Sheringham Gas & Water Company. It is derived from deep wells in the chalk, and from springs situated within their collecting grounds. Bacteriological examinations are carried out each month.

Analysis shows the water to be of excellent quality for all purposes. The quantity is sufficient for all purposes. There is, and has been, no reason to enforce any restrictions on its use in this Urban District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Urban District is sewered throughout with a system which needs much improvement. It is quite incapable of dealing with an excessive and sudden rainfall. The outfall is well below ordinary low-water mark in the North Sea.

Closet Accommodation

The houses in Sheringham are supplied with water closets of modern pattern.

All Sewers are flushed twice a week in Summer, and once a week in Winter. The dead-ends are flushed from the water cart in addition.

There are no Pail Closets or Midden Privies in Sheringham.

Scavenging

Dust-bins are emptied once weekly by the Council's carts. House refuse is disposed of by the method of controlled tipping on a site off the Cromer Road. This method of disposal of house refuse has proved entirely satisfactory in that it is effective and inexpensive.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

(see Sanitary Inspector's Report)

Premises and Occupations controlled by By-Laws

There is no Common Lodging House or Offensive Trade in Sheringham.

Schools

The Schools are of a modern type. The water supply and sanitary conditions are quite satisfactory.

In case of notifiable infectious diseases the schools are at once visited by the Medical Officer of Health, the scholars inspected, and endeavour made to exclude infective children.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All the Dairies, Milk Shops and Cowsheds have been inspected during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

There is one Slaughter House in the district, which has been inspected during the year.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food

The County Laboratory carried out bacteriological examination of milk and other foods if necessary.

SURVEYOR'S & INSPECTOR'S REPORT for the year 1944

DRAINS and SANITARY CONVENIENCES

Drainage inspections 53

All defects were remedied

New Baths fixed Nil

New W.C.'s fixed 3

New Urinal fixed Nil

Sewers are flushed weekly from Tanks and Water Cart.

NUISANCES

Verbal notice or letter are generally effective.

Various Nuisance Inspections	43
Food Inspection	54
Miscellaneous Inspection	71
Inspection for Rodent Control	65

DISINFECTIONS

Houses	11
Rooms	2
Bedding	5

HOUSES ETC.

During the year many inspections were made and repairs were carried out to 91 houses.

MILK

Dairies and Milkshops licensed	12
Purveyors of Milk	19
Inspection of Premises	15

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS etc.

Factories	...	...	...	...	...	10
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	44
Workplaces						6

comprising

Dressmakers and Milliners	...	...				8
Photography	...	...	...	...	...	5
Joinery	...	...	...	...	...	9
Cabinet Makers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Boat Builders	...	...	...	...	...	2
Golf	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boot Repairers	...	...	...	...	...	7
Saddler	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakers & Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	7
Printer	...	...	...	...	...	1
Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Works	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gas Works	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tailors	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cycles.	...	...	...	...	...	3
Garages	...	...	...	...	...	6
Blacksmiths	...	...	...	...	...	1
Electricity	...	...	...	...	...	1

INSPECTIONS

Workshops	7
Factories	11

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 49 cases of Notifiable Infectious Disease. 17 cases of Scarlet Fever; 1 case of Pneumonia; and one of diphtheria.

The Isolation Hospital is situated at Roughton. It is the Joint Isolation Hospital of the Erpingham Rural, North Walsham Urban and Sheringham Urban Districts. It has 2 pavilions of 8 beds each, administrative block and a cottage for the housekeeper and caretaker.

In the event of a case of smallpox arising an arrangement has been made between the Joint Isolation Hospital and the Isolation Hospital of the Cromer Urban District Council whereby one or the other will be used for the isolation of this disease.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against diphtheria for the age group under five remains unsatisfactory, being only 27 per cent. The children immunised between the age of over 5 and under 15 is 67 per cent.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

during the year 1944

<u>Disease</u>	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	1	1	nil
Scarlet Fever	17	6	nil
Pneumonia	1	nil	nil
Whooping Cough	6	nil	nil
Measles	12	nil	nil

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases were notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1944

Age Periods	Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
10-15	1	-	-	-
20-35	3	1	-	-
35-45	-	1	-	-
45-60	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	2	0	0

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1944
for the URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERINGHAM

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

in connection with

POWER AND NON-POWER FACTORIES

1. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES
(including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

<u>Premises</u>	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	18	-	-
TOTAL	18	-	-

2. DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES

<u>Particulars</u>	Found	Remedied
Nuisances under Public Health Acts: Various	5	5
TOTAL	5	5

(Signed) D. B. C. LAWSON M.B.,C.H.B.(Aberd.)
Medical Officer of Health